Superfast Train Between Hapa and Mumbai

1533. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made to start a superfast train between Hapa and Mumbai;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) by when the decision to start this train is expected; and

(d) if not, why the long pending demand of Saurashtra Region is not considered positively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Introduction of a superfast train between Hapa and Mumbai has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Inspection of Railway Bookstalls

1534. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has issued any instructions for spot inspection of bookstalls, etc. by the Railway staff personally on all Indian Railways, for verifying the actual sales; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Railway officers do undertake inspections of bookstalls along with other catering/vending stalls to check irregularities and to assess actual sales etc.